



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 2, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 2, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley (**ABS**)
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief James R. Barren
AC Ronald Fleming
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
2nd DC James Tate
3rd DC Arthur Williams
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Lt. Darryl Brown
Lt. Charles Mahoney
Lt. Dwight Hudson
Dir. Deborah Robinson
Sgt. Jerry Shoate
Sgt. Shirley Berger
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sup. Derek Hicks
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Michelle Donald

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott	Tijuanna Morris
Sandra Hines	Charles Busse
Juynie Miller	Lawanda Hail-Ruffin
Domik Mohommad	George Anthony
Barry Foster	Issac Foster
Bernice Smith	

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:17 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, October 2, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, September 18, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Thursday, September 25, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

PROMOTION: Consideration for Executive appointment to the rank of Assistant Chief, Ronald Fleming

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the Appointment.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

AC Fleming thanked the Board and the Chief for the appointment and stated along with the Chief they will make this a safer City.

Vice-Chairperson Griffin stated the Board has received a copy of the police department's new organization chart and will table this until October 9, 2008.

PROMOTION: Consideration for Executive appointment to the rank of 3rd Deputy Chief, Arthur Williams, Jr.

3rd Deputy Chief Williams, Jr. thanked the Board and the Chief and stated he has served this city for 39 years and is looking forward to continuing under Chief Barren.

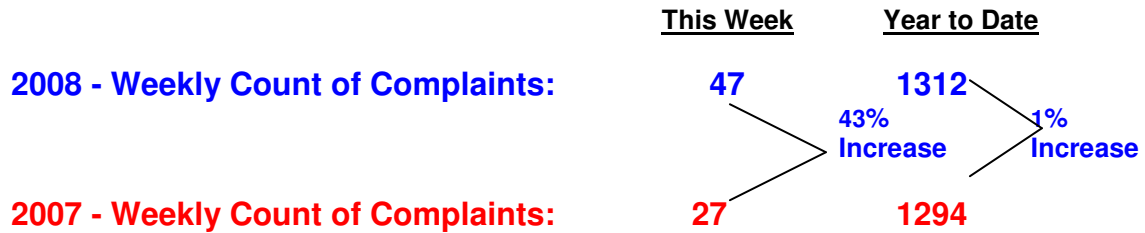
MOTION: Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Appointment.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,267** active investigations, of which **1020** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 10/02/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL				1					1	2
12	COMMUNICATIONS		6							6	12
7	EASTERN		5	1			4			2	12
2	NORTHEASTERN						1			1	2
7	NORTHWESTERN	1	3	3			5			2	14
4	Unknown Command		1	1			1			1	4
4	VIOLENT CRIMES		1				4	1	2	1	9
9	WESTERN		3	2	2		4			2	13
47		1	19	7	3		19	1	2	16	68

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

Officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 8000 block of Bessemore on a “Person with a Weapon.” A subject was arrested. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, a subject was charged with two counts of “Felony Assault,” “Aggravated Assault,” “Domestic Violence,” “Child Abuse 4th,” and “Habitual 3rd.”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, October 9, 2008

@ 6:30 P.M.

**Wayne State Police
6050 Cass Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202**

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Investigative Operations	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Eastern District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Western District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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Northwestern District

On September 25th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 13000 block of Forrer on "Shots Fired/People Shot." Due to the officers quick response and investigation, the subjects was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder," "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," and "Felony Firearm."



Southwestern District

On September 26th, officers of the Southwestern District arrested three subjects wanted in a previous "Carjacking" that occurred in the area of Pearl and W. Vernor. Subsequent to their investigation, officers' confiscated weapons, and the vehicle taken in the incident. All the subjects were charged with "Robbery Armed," "Carjacking," and "Felony Firearm."



Eastern District

On September 25th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 20000 block of Hickory on a "Breaking & Entering in Progress/Holding One." As a result of their investigation, officers arrested a subject. The subject was charged with "Home Invasion 2," and "larceny in a Building."



Western District

On September 23rd, officers of the Western District on patrol in the area of Elmhurst and Yellowstone were given information of a person that was just robbed. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Fleeing," "Motor Vehicle Advisory," and "Habitual 4th."

Chief Barren stated his vision is to make sure that this City is a safe place for everyone. He stated this will be a team effort with the citizen's participation.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no new committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2008
Central District
Wayne State University Police Department
6050 Cass Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202

Vice-Chairperson Griffin encouraged everyone to come out to the next meeting, because invitations have been sent to the Mayor and City Council Members asking them to attend. The community will have an opportunity to ask Chief Barren questions in regards to the new organizational chart and other issues.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

B. Smith welcomed Chief Barren and stated it is a pleasure to finally meet him. She stated a citizen made a complaint with the Eastern District but no one has been able to locate it. She would like to get some assistance with the issue.

Comm. Ramirez asked the Chief is there is anyone who can assist her on this matter.

Chief Barren stated that he will find out where the report originated from if she would give him the information that she has.

R. Scott welcomed Chief Barren as the new police chief. He stated that hopefully the citizens will be involved in the oversight of the police department. He hopes his organization will continue to have open communication with the chief's office.

T. Morris stated when she brings an issue to the Board she has all the information to support that issue.

S. Hines stated she hopes that Chief Barren will also seek input from the community as the former Chief did. It has been rumors that now the department can go back to the old ways of doing business such as "whooping" on the citizens. She stated hopefully that will not happen under your watch.

Chief Barren stated wherever the statement about the good old days and "whooping it up" came from, it will not happen under his watch.

C. Busse stated his client was charged with two felonies after a traffic stop. In court, the prosecutor could not establish proper cause and that case was dismissed. There was a large quantity of cash taken from his client. As of today, his client has not been able to get his cash back because of the seizure statute. He wants to know who he can speak with about retrieving his client's cash.

DC Barden Jackson stated there are two different actions; one is criminal and the other is a civil forfeiture proceeding. There is a process for your client to be bonded for the money that was seized and she will speak with Mr. Busse after the meeting.

J. Miller stated her son was murdered along with other children in the community and something has to be done to see that this doesn't continue to happen. She stated the Detroit Police Department is the reason that she's alive today. She asked the Chief if he was a man of his word.

Chief Barren stated yes, and he will be out motivating his officers to also help make the community safe.

J. Miller thanked the officer of the department again for watching over her like a guarding angel.

Comm. Okdie thanked Mrs. Miller for coming and sharing her concerns with the Board.

J. Miller stated every now and then, especially today's children need a good spanking, because her son was shot six times.

Vice-Chairperson Griffin thanked Ms. Miller and stated that she will continue to be in their prayers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb